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EXPERIENCE

Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, N.C. 2006-present
Senior Attorney (2014-present), Associate/Staff Attorney (2006-2014)

- Lead attorney for SELC's regional Clean Water Program.
- Advise clients on state and federal environmental issues, including matters involving the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and state water quality laws.
- Represent clients in state administrative, state, and federal courts.
- Advise and represent clients in matters before state and federal agencies, including rulemakings, permitting matters, and declaratory rulings.

Selected Litigation

- *Cape Fear River Watch v. Chemours*, No. 7:18-cv-00159-D (U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina). Clean Water Act enforcement action on behalf of Wilmington, North Carolina based organization challenging discharges of GenX and other perfluoroalkyl substances into the Cape Fear River. Resulted in consent order requiring significant reductions in air, surface water, and groundwater pollution.
- *South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, et al. v. Wheeler, et al.*, No. 2:18-cv-330-DCN (U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina). Administrative Procedure Act challenge to EPA's suspension of the 2015 definition of waters of the United States. Resulted in the vacatur of the suspension rule.
- *National Audubon Society v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, et al.*, No. 7:17-cv-162-FL (U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina). Challenge to Clean Water Act Section 404 permit and National Environmental Policy Act in permitting construction of a terminal groin in southeastern North Carolina.
- *Sound Rivers, et al. v. N.C. Department of Environmental Quality*, No. COA18-712 (N.C. Court of Appeals). Challenge to state-issued NPDES permit authorizing discharge from proposed limestone mine for violations of state water quality standards. Pending.

Selected Comment Letters

- *Definition of Waters of the United States-Recodification of Preexisting Rules*, Letter from J. Holman, SELC, to S. Pruitt, EPA (Sept. 27, 2017) (EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203-13464).

- *Definition of Waters of the United States-Recodification of Preexisting Rules, Supplemental Notice*, Letter from G. Gisler, SELC, to A. Wheeler, EPA (Aug. 13, 2018) (EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203-15488).
- *Definition of Waters of the United States-Addition of an Applicability Date to 2015 Clean Water Rule*, Letter from J. Holman, SELC, to S. Pruitt, EPA (Dec. 13, 2017) (EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0644-0464).
- *Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States,”* Letter from K. Moser, SELC, to A. Wheeler, EPA (April 15, 2019) (EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149-9717).
- *PFAS National Leadership Summit and Engagement*, Letter from G. Gisler, SELC, to A. Wheeler, EPA (Sept. 28, 2018) (EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0270-1470).

EDUCATION

Notre Dame Law School, J.D., May 2006, *cum laude*

- Journal of College and University Law, staff editor (2004-06)

University of Georgia, B.S. in Ecology, May 2002, *summa cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA